[After lunch—3-30 p.m.]

VI.—GOVERNMENT MOTION—*cont.*

CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move that under Rule 21, sub-rule (3) of the Assembly Rules, items 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the Agenda, viz., the Madras Land Encroachment (Amendment) Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1965), the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1965, the Holdings (Stay of Execution Proceedings) (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1965 and the Madras Medical Practitioners Bill, 1965 (L.A. Bill No. 22 of 1965) be taken up before item 4, viz., the Madras (Transferred Territory) Extension of Laws Bill, 1965.

The motion was put and carried.

VII—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(4) THE MADRAS LAND ENCROACHMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965 (L.A. BILL NO. 12 OF 1965).

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Sir, I beg to move :—

"That the Madras Land Encroachment (Amendment) Bill, 1965 [a] (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1965) be taken into consideration."

Sir, in moving the motion I wish to explain briefly the provisions of the Bill.

The Madras Land Encroachment Act, 1905 (Madras Act III of 1905) lays down the procedure for eviction of encroachments on lands belonging to the Government. This procedure has been found to cause considerable delay in actual practice. Further, the State Government have no powers to consider appeals and revisions under the Act. Therefore the question of amending the Act to expedite the process of eviction and simplify the procedure was examined by a Special Committee of officers appointed by the State Government. The Committee's recommendations were examined and it has been decided to amend the Act *inter alia* for the following purposes, namely—

(1) to empower Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and any other officer authorized by the State Government in that behalf to take eviction proceedings; (Now the Collector can take such proceedings.)

(2) to empower the Revenue Inspector and officers of the Highways Department to issue initial notice in eviction proceedings;

(3) to dispense with initial notice in the case of repeated encroachments on the same land;

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